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1. EMBOFF SAW SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH AT 1600
APRIL 27 TO MAKE THE ORAL POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL:

A. INTERPRETER.

DO THANH WAS PLEASED THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING
AN ENGLISH-FRENCH INTERPRETER. HE THOUGHT THAT DURING
THE COURSE OF THE TALKS WE WOULD WORK OUT THE BEST
PROCEDURES, BUT IT WAS ADVISABLE TO HAVE A VARIETY OF
POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE TO US AT THE BEGINNING.

B. PRESS.

DO THANH SAID HE WOULD RAISE WITH HIS
GOVERNMENT THE FOUR POINTS CONCERNING THE PRESS RAISED
IN PARA 2 REFTEL. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWED IN
HANOI, BUT HE APPEARED CONCERNED LEST WE
MIGHT WISH PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN INSIDE THEIR PREMISES.

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THEIR ROOMS ARE VERY SMALL AND WOULD NOT ACCOMMODATE
THE MASS OF JOURNALISTS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT. HE
THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY OF
THE ARRIVAL OF THE US DELEGATION, BUT THEY HAD NOT YET
DECIDED WHETHER THEY WOULD ANNOUNCE THE TIME AND PLACE
OF THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. HE THOUGHT THERE
WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY WITH OUR INTERIM PRESS

STATEMENT BUT WOULD CHECK. DO THANH WILL ALSO CHECK ABOUT WHEN HIS GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS OWN DELEGATION; HE CLEARLY THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE NOT TO REVEAL COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATION.

2. BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, DO THANH WAS NOT SURE WHEN HE WOULD GET AN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTIONS, BUT WILL CONTACT US AS SOON AS HE HEARS.
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